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2. The quality of your product may very well decrease if your new policy is followed. Independent evaluation of CIA research by fellow scholars would be thwarted. Such evaluations and resulting professional interaction have undoubtedly contributed greatly to the maintenance of high standards of research on the part of the CIA.
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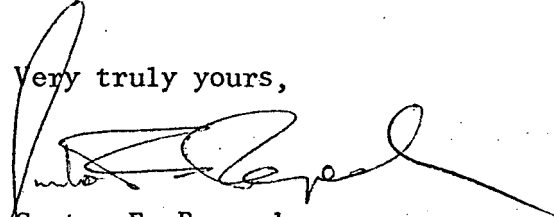
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4. All professional economists analyzing Communist societies stand to benefit immeasurably from access to your unclassified publications. Some of us have received them free of charge from CIA mailings. We would certainly be willing to buy them from the Document and Gift Division of the Library of Congress, if cost saving is your primary purpose. We feel you benefit from our research, including the use we make of your analyses. To be sure, providing research for us is not your major task. But when you can enrich your own effort, serve the public's need to know, and improve your staff quality we feel there is reciprocal benefit. The effort of re-phrasing your research already completed for public release seems to involve a small cost indeed, more than balanced by benefits.

While we represent a modest part of a much larger professional community using your analyses we feel our views are representative of the views of this larger group on the need for professional access to your analyses and information prepared at public expense.

Very truly yours,



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Remarks: Please draft reply for DCI's signature.

Executive Secretary

10 Feb 82

Date

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Note for D/OEA:

You might wish to refer to DCI's letter of 16 July 81 to Profs. Bergen & Grossman (of Cal-Berkeley) on same general subject.

(ER 81-1410/1A prepared by PA with guidance from DCI/DDCI/Gates.) However, since DCI's letters on this subject are surely circulated I doubt that you would want to repeat what could be interpreted as a "boiler-plate" "form" letter.



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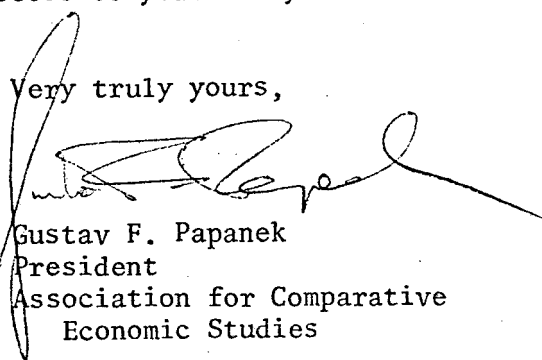
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